

STATE OF WASHINGTON

2006 pamphlet edition

# WILD TURKEY

## *Spring Season*



*Effective from April 9  
to May 15, 2006*



Washington  
Department of  
**FISH and  
WILDLIFE**

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Youth Turkey Season Information*

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mandatory reporting information*

# 2006 Wild Turkey Season

Since 1960, three subspecies of wild turkey have been introduced in Washington: the Merriam's, Rio Grande, and eastern.

Currently, the Merriam's subspecies occupies portions of Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, Spokane, Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties. Rio Grande turkeys can be found in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties. Turkeys of the eastern subspecies can be found west of the Cascades in Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties.

## 2006 Spring Season

Area	Dates Open	Restrictions	Bag/Possession Limit
Statewide	April 15, - May 15, 2006 Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during spring seasons	Gobblers and Turkeys with visible beards ONLY	A total of three (3) turkeys per year with the following restrictions. Only two (2) turkeys may be taken in eastern Washington per year and only 1 of those may be taken in Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties (combined); only one (1) turkey may be taken in western Washington per year, except two (2) turkeys may be taken in Klickitat County.
Additional turkey tags may be purchased at any time. In appropriate areas, two turkeys can be harvested in one day.			

## Special Regulations

- Spring turkey season is open for shotgun (10 gauge or under holding 3 or fewer shells or muzzleloader with shot) and bow-and-arrow hunting only.
- A valid hunting license and an unaltered, unnotched turkey transport tag are required for hunting turkey.
- Immediately after killing a turkey, hunters must validate their own tag by completely removing notches for month and day of kill and securely attach tag to carcass.
- It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt turkeys.
- Baiting game birds is illegal.
- Turkey hunters must report hunting activity (see page 5).

## Wild Turkey License Fees

	Resident	Non-resident	Youth*
Small game license **	\$32.85	\$164.25	\$16.43
Small game, with proof of big game package purchase	\$17.52	\$85.60	\$8.76
Three-day small game	n/a	\$54.75	n/a
Additional turkey transport tags	\$19.71	\$65.70	\$9.86

\* Youth hunters are defined as under 16 when they buy a license.

\*\* One turkey tag is included with a small game license.

## Advisory on Emergency Regulations

Caution: Emergency regulation changes may occur while the seasons described in this pamphlet are in effect and will supersede information contained herein. Area news media will be informed of changes as they occur.

## WAC Summary Information

This pamphlet is a summary of the hunting regulations and seasons (chapters 232-12 and 232-28 of the Washington Administrative Code) adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. This pamphlet does not contain all department regulations. Regulations specific to the hunting seasons described in this pamphlet are found in section 232-28-341 of the Washington Administrative Code.

## Reward

The Washington Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will pay \$250.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for illegal taking of wild turkeys.

Stop Washington Poachers! Individuals that witness and would like to report a fish and wildlife violation, can call toll-free 1-800-477-6224. Remember, this is NOT an informational hotline. This number is for emergencies only.

It could pay in more ways than one. The Department of Fish and Wildlife pays rewards for the arrest of people violating wildlife laws.

# Primary Distribution of Wild Turkey



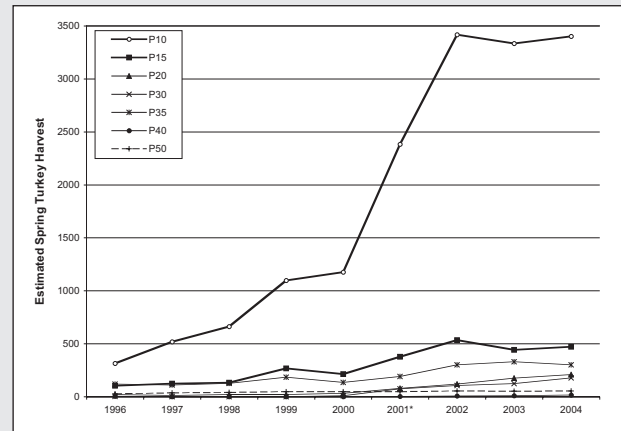
## Estimated Spring Turkey Harvest

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001*	2002	2003	2004
<b>P10</b>	313	519	662	1,098	1,176	2,382	3,418	3,333	3,401
<b>P15</b>	104	123	132	267	214	376	533	443	471
<b>P20</b>	21	11	20	21	32	78	119	176	209
<b>P30</b>	2	1	0	1	10	73	105	123	178
<b>P35</b>	118	109	125	183	134	190	300	329	301
<b>P40</b>	4	1	1	0	1	2	7	9	15

\* Beginning in 2001 harvest estimates are based on mandatory reporting data. Previous years' were made using a different technique.

### Population Management Unit Description

- P10 (Northeast):** GMUs 101-136  
**P15 (Southeast):** GMUs 139-186  
**P20 (North Central):** All 200 GMUs  
**P30 (South Central):** All 300 GMUs /EXCEPT GMU 382  
**P35 (Klickitat):** GMUs 382, 588, 578, 574, 572, 568  
**P40 (Northwest):** All 400 GMUs PLUS GMUS 601-627  
**P50 (Southwest):** All 500 GMUs /EXCEPT 568, 572, 574, 578, 588, PLUS GMUS 633-681



## Fall Turkey Season

Beginning in 2004, the fall turkey season had two different opportunities; a general fall season in GMU's 105-124 and permit only seasons in GMUs 101,133, 145-186, 382, and 568-588. There may be times when these seasons change, so it is important to check with WDFW after the April meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission each year to see what the fall turkey season regulations will be during any particular year. Fall season information will also be made available in the big game pamphlet.

## Youth Turkey Season

A youth spring turkey season for hunters under 16 years of age will be held on April 8 –9, 2006:

**The youth season is open in ALL GMUs.**

Standard hunting methods (shotgun or bow and arrow only) and all other turkey hunting regulations apply to the youth season.

## The Land and Landowners

A true sportsman respects the land and demonstrates this respect and appreciation while in the field. Remember to obtain permission from the owner before entering upon his or her land to hunt or fish. And, while in the field, conduct yourself in a way that will ensure a welcome to those who follow after you.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### – Mandatory Reporting –

#### Hunters are Required to Report Last Years Hunting Activity Prior to Purchasing a New License.

Turkey hunters must report their hunting activity whether or not they harvest an animal. Hunters not reporting by January 31 will be subject to a \$10 penalty which must be paid before they can purchase a 2007 license. One hunter report is required for each tag acquired. Hunters can file reports two ways: by telephone (toll free at 1-877-945-3492) or on the internet at [www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov](http://www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov); there are no longer paper harvest report cards. Hunters who harvest an animal should file a report within 10 days of taking the animal. Unsuccessful hunters must also report their hunting activity, including location and days hunted. The information will be used by WDFW to better monitor hunter effort, distribution, harvest, and trends.

**Special note for turkey hunters:** Having a spring and fall season can make hunt reporting confusing. If you do not intend to apply for a fall turkey permit or hunt in general fall season, you should report spring turkey hunting activity after May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do intend to hunt in the fall, you should wait to report spring activity or fall activity until after the fall season.

You will need the following information to file your report for turkey hunting.

Do **NOT** mail this information to WDFW; reports can **ONLY** be accepted through the toll free number or internet.



1. Whether or not you hunted turkeys.
2. For each turkey tag:
  - a. The number of the GMUs you hunted in (2 most hunted GMUs).  
Please refer to a Big Game pamphlet or other source for a GMU map.
  - b. The number of days hunted in each GMU.
3. For each turkey you harvest:
  - a. Number of the GMU where turkey was harvested.
  - b. Month, day, and year of harvest.
  - c. Sex of the turkey.
  - d. Age of the turkey: adult, yearling, or juvenile (fall season only)



## 2006 Spring Turkey Hunting Hours

(corrected to read 1/2 hr before sunrise to sunset)

Date	A.M.	P.M.	Eastern WA	A.M.	P.M.	Western WA
April 15 - April 18	5:30	7:40		5:53	8:01	
April 19 - April 22	5:23	7:46		5:46	8:06	
April 23 - April 26	5:16	7:51		5:39	8:12	
April 27 - April 30	5:09	7:57		5:32	8:17	
May 1 - May 4	5:02	8:02		5:25	8:23	
May 5 - May 8	4:56	8:08		5:19	8:28	
May 9 - May 12	4:50	8:13		5:13	8:33	
May 13 - May 15	4:44	8:19		5:08	8:38	

## Vehicle Use Permits on WDFW Lands

The Department manages 800,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat and 600+ lake and river access sites across the state for your use and enjoyment. A **Vehicle Use Permit** from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (\$10 or FREE with a hunting or fishing license) is required. Decal sales support upkeep of these areas which are currently operating at 34% of the funding need. More information at [www.wa.gov/wdfw/](http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/) or call a Fish and Wildlife office. **You can do more than hunt and fish on Department lands.**

Vehicle Use Permits are required to park and use WDFW lands. The permits generate funding for maintenance of WDFW lands and water access sites used by hunters, anglers, boaters, bird watchers and other recreationists. The permits are issued only once annually to each license holder and are transferrable between up to two vehicles. Additional permits may be purchased for \$5 each. Original permits are \$10 each if purchased separately without a fishing or hunting license.

The permits must be clearly displayed and visible from outside the vehicle. They can be placed on the dash, hung from the rear view mirror or placed on the front seat.

The penalty for parking on WDFW lands without a permit has been revised. The infraction for parking without a permit will be automatically reduced from \$66 to \$30, if the vehicle owner shows proof he or she has purchased a permit within 15 days of the violation.

# Sex and Age of Wild Turkeys

## Hen



Middle toe less than 4 inches long

## Breast Feathers



Tom  
(Black Tip)      Hen  
(Buff Tip)

## Outer Wing Feathers



Adult  
Immature  
Hen      Adult  
Immature  
Tom



Tom      Hen

## Gobbler



Middle toe greater than 4 inches long

## Tail Feathers



Mature Tom  
(Adult)      Immature Tom  
(Juvenile)

# Safe and Ethical Turkey Hunting

1. ***Be absolutely positive of your target.*** After you pull the trigger, it's too late.
2. ***ALWAYS ask permission to hunt on private land.*** Most landowners are cooperative if you ask.
3. ***Do not attempt to stalk a turkey.*** That gobbler you're stalking may be another hunter.
4. ***Unless absolutely necessary, don't use a gobbler call.*** This call can be productive, but also very dangerous. Use this call when all else fails and then sparingly.
5. ***Never wear any red, white, or blue clothes.*** These are the colors of the gobbler's head, the primary target of the turkey hunter.
6. ***Never presume what you hear is a turkey.*** Many hunters are convincing callers.
7. ***Select a calling site that gives at least 40 yards of vision in all directions and sit with your back to a large tree.***
8. ***If another hunter is working a bird, don't spoil it by calling or spooking the bird.***
9. ***Make sure that the gobbler is within sure range of the shotgun and shoot only the neck and head.***
10. Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your "line of sight") call out to the hunter in a loud, clear voice.

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# Washington Slam

The Washington Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring brass pins in recognition of achieving the "Washington Slam."

The eastern, Merriam's, and Rio Grande subspecies of wild turkey currently inhabit Washington state. For the purposes of the "Washington Slam," subspecies are defined by county of kill. Merriam's: Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima, Spokane and Stevens; Rio Grande: all eastern Washington counties except Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima, Spokane and Stevens; eastern: all western Washington counties except Klickitat and Skamania. The taking of 1 of each of these subspecies constitutes a "Washington Slam." This achievement will be verified by successful hunters returning their game harvest report cards to WDFW and completion of record forms available upon request from the Washington Chapter of NWTF. These forms will also be used for submission of information to establish Washington state turkey records.



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## Washington Slam Award Winners



### Single Season Pin

(all 3 subspecies taken in spring season)

#### Single Season Pins:

**1998**

Quincy Atchley  
Ray Bjork  
Jeff Bolt  
Eric Braaten  
Ted Fleckner  
Steven Hanson, Sr.  
Russell Kuehn  
Matt Mimnaugh  
Brad Richard

**1999**

Ron Brockavich  
Ted Fleckner (archery)  
Russell Kuehn  
George Martin  
Art Meikel  
Brad Richard  
Mike Vaughn  
Harry Williamson

**2000**

Quincy Atchley  
Jay Brightbill  
Douglas Burnett  
Larry Harness  
Ryan Kilbury  
Gary Meade  
Kathleen Neault  
Mike Vaughn

**2001**

Jay Brightbill  
Ted Fleckner  
Randy Wherrett

**2002**

Quincy Atchley  
Mike Cloke  
Chase Olson  
Alan Poe  
Debbie Ruble-Lycan  
Mike Tuthill  
Zachary Wearstler

**2003**

B. Ray Bjork  
Ron Brockavich  
Raymond Lampers  
Ronald Stoller  
Zachary Wearstler

**2004**

Thomas Bostrom  
Esteban Calderon  
Andy Grunewald  
Paul Hite  
David Hoel  
Darwin Koistinen  
John McKeever  
Kathleen Neault  
Mark Simonson  
Zachary Wearstler

**2005**

Esteban Calderon  
Michael Crowder  
David Hoel  
Larry Kukes  
Ray Lampers



### Multiple Season Pin

(all 3 subspecies taken in 2 or more seasons)

#### Multiple Season Pins:

**1995** William Olson

**1996** Jay Brightbill  
Scott Comstock

**1997** Dan Blatt, Sr.  
Julie McCellan  
Chris Wagemann

**1998** Ron Brockavich  
Charles Laier  
Gary Meade

**1999** Cecil Bailey, Jr.  
Dan Blatt, Jr.  
Vincent Fulginiti  
Robert Hirst  
Chris Wagemann

**2000** George Martin  
Lance Steele

**2002** B. Ray Bjork  
Larry Bowers  
Ron Brockavich  
Randy Hensley  
Ambrose Ott  
Mark Stahl

**2003** Rhonda Toompas  
John McKeever

**2004** B. Ray Bjork  
Jerry Prescott  
Mark Stahl  
Jim White

**2005** Jay Brightbill

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